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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTAL STAFF

Medical Officer of Health : W. J. HUTCHINSON,
M.B., D.P.H.
(Resigned 30.11.58)

**Chief Public Health Inspector,
Cleansing Superintendent and
Petroleum Officer :** G. BROGAN (a) (b)

Additional Public Health Inspector: D. A. PLUMMER
(a) (b) (c)

Student Public Health Inspector: C. HASKEY,
(recommenced after
National Service,
25.8.58).

Clerk : MRS. S. BEVINS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	4,029
Population 1958 (estimate mid-year, Registrar General)					23,260
Population (Census 1951)	...	...	...	...	23,210
Number of inhabited houses :—					
Dwelling houses		...	...	...	7,046
Houses and Shops		...	...	...	173
Public Houses and Off-licences		...	...	...	44
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£196,507
Sum represented by a penny rate		...	...	...	£755/17/0

- (a) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health qualifying as a Public Health Inspector.
- (b) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health qualifying as an Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.
- (c) Certificate of the Royal Society of Health qualifying as a Smoke Inspector.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
HUCKNALL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the duty of presenting the annual report on the health of the Urban District of Hucknall for the year 1958.

Dr. W. J. Hutchinson resigned from the appointment as your Medical Officer of Health during November, and until the end of the year Dr. W. R. Perry, the Medical Officer of Health for the Basford Rural District, acted as your Medical Officer.

Infectious Diseases

During the year 514 cases of infectious disease were notified.

Measles (281 cases) accounted for the bulk of these notifications. Fortunately, measles did not cause any death. Nevertheless, it should be remembered that measles is a most active and virulent disease. It can cause death particularly amongst the young and debilitated. Its complications are many and serious. Parents should be aware as to the special danger of exposing young children to those exhibiting fever and acute catarrhal symptoms of any kind, particularly during years and seasons of epidemic prevalence of measles.

Poliomyelitis

The campaign to combat Poliomyelitis got well under way during the year.

It is interesting to note the tactics of the fight against this disease.

Soon after infection by poliomyelitis neutralizing antibodies are produced in the blood stream, and these act as protectors against future attacks of the disease.

The aim of inoculation is to produce a sub-clinical infection of poliomyelitis and thus to artificially produce the anti-bodies. The results are satisfactory. As a consequence of inoculation, the incidence of poliomyelitis in the United States of America in 1956 was the lowest since 1947, and the figures for the first nine months of 1957 were also low. In Canada results showed that only 1.07 per 100,000 inoculated persons had contracted paralytic poliomyelitis compared with 5.39 per 100,000 among the unvaccinated. Hence not only can anti-bodies be demonstrated in the blood stream of the inoculated but the results "in the field" are encouraging.

Perhaps we should recall that Nottinghamshire had the unenviable distinction of having the first town in England in which an outbreak of paralytic poliomyelitis was observed. This was in 1836, although the disease did not become notifiable in England and Wales until 1912. It was, however, in 1947 that the first disastrous attack occurred in this country. Poliomyelitis erupted with volcanic violence, killing 707 out of a total of nearly 8,000 cases. An organised resistance movement must make a recurrence impossible.

I wish to record my appreciation of the support of my staff and the co-operation of the staffs of the other Departments. In particular, I wish to thank Mr. Brogan, Chief Public Health Inspector, and Mr. Plummer, Deputy Public Health Inspector, for their assistance which was so readily given from the start, and which helped so much during my first months in your district.

I am, ladies and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. BRODBIN,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I. Vital Statistics of the Whole District during 1958 and previous years

Hucknall Urban District Population Mid-Year 1958 23,260	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	Total		Neonatal	
									No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1953	397	17.0	215	9.2	10	24.6	Nil	Nil	16	40.3	13	32.7
“ 1954	338	14.5	197	8.4	8	26.0	Nil	Nil	9	26.6	7	20.7
“ 1955	356	15.2	231	9.8	9	24.6	Nil	Nil	12	33.7	6	16.8
“ 1956	385	16.4	216	9.2	15	37.5	Nil	Nil	7	18.2	6	15.5
“ 1957	381	16.1	196	8.3	12	30.5	Nil	Nil	17	42.0	8	20.9
“ 1958	356	*15.3	227	*9.7	9	24.6	1	2.7	12	33.7	10	28.1

* Adjusted

} live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.00) = 15.3 per 1,000
death-rate (comparability factor 1.36) = 13.1 per 1,000

TABLE II.—INFANT MORTALITY.

DEATHS

under one year of age.

Cause of Death.	Under 1 week.	1—2 weeks.	2—3 weeks.	3—4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 1 year.	Total under 1 yr.
Scleroma Neanatorum ...		1			1					1
Acute Pneumonia ...							1	1		2
Circulatory Failure with Atelectasis ...	1				1					1
Prematurity ...	2				2					2
Atelectasis ...	4				4					4
Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida ...	1				1					1
Spina Bifida ...	1				1					1
TOTAL ...	9	1			10		1	1		12

TABLE III.

No.	Causes of Death, 1958				M	F	Total
1	Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	...	...		1	—	1
2	Tuberculosis (Other Sites)	...	...		—	—	0
3	Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	1	—	1
4	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—	0
5	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—	0
6	Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	—	—	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—	0
8	Measles	...	...	...	—	—	0
9	Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	—	1	1
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	6	6	12
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	6	—	6
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	...	...	...	—	4	4
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	—	3	3
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	9	7	16
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemic Leukaemia	...	...	...	—	1	1
16	Diabetes	...	...	...	1	—	1
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	12	23	35
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	24	9	33
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	2	1	3
20	Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	7	14	21
21	Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	5	10	15
22	Influenza	...	...	...	—	1	1
23	Pneumonia	...	...	...	4	7	11
24	Bronchitis	...	...	...	14	4	18
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	2	—	2
26	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	...	...	...	—	1	1
27	Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	...	...	...	—	—	0
28	Nephritis & Nephrosis	...	...	...	1	1	2
29	Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	1	—	1
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	—	1	1
31	Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	2	1	3
32	Other Un-Defined & Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	...	10	9	19
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	1	2	3
34	All Other Accidents	...	...	...	5	2	7
35	Suicide	...	...	...	3	2	5
36	Homicide & Operations of War	...	...	...	—	—	Nil
TOTAL ...					117	110	227

TABLE IV. Ages at which Death occurred.

Age Group.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTALS
Under 1 year	4			3	3	1						2	13
1—4													
5—14						1		1					2
15—24		1											1
25—34	1		1					1			1		4
35—44	2		1	1			1	3	1			2	11
45—54	1	3	2	2	1			1	2	5	4		21
55—64	9	4	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	4	1	4	40
65—74	11	7	3	5	8	3	3	7	2	1	7	6	63
75 and over	9	4	8	7	5	7	1	4	4	3	7	13	72
TOTALS	37	19	18	21	20	13	7	20	12	13	20	27	227

TABLE V. Monthly Notifications of Infectious Diseases, 1958.

Disease.	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
Scarlet Fever	1		3		3	2	3	4	6	1	8	3	34
Whooping Cough		2						2					4
Measles	76	35	6	2	5	44	88	18	4		3		281
Erysipelas		1					2		1	2			6
Pneumonia	26	14	2	8	2	2	4	2			5	5	70
Gastro- Enteritis	1	1			1	2	1				4	3	13
*Food Poisoning						5				1	1		7
*Dysentery		2				5	6		5	21	26	15	80
Puerperal Pyrexia							1						1
Totals Exclusive of T.B. infections	104	55	11	10	11	60	105	26	16	25	47	26	496
Tuberculosis (other)						2			1				3
Tuberculosis Respiratory		1	2	1	3		3	1	1	1	1	1	15
TOTALS (all notifications)	104	56	13	11	14	62	108	27	18	26	48	27	514

* Diagnosis Confirmed — Food Poisoning 2, Dysentery 44.

TABLE VI. Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1958.

Notifiable Cases.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.													Total cases notified in each Ward of the township.			Cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths
	At Ages—Years.																	
	At all ages	Under 1	1 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 64	65 & over	Age unknown	East Ward	West Ward	North Ward			
Scarlet Fever ...	34	—	2	10	16	4	1	—	—	—	—	1	7	23	4	3	—	
Whooping Cough ...	4	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	
Measles ...	281	11	83	77	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	107	104	70	4	—	
Erysipelas ...	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	
Pneumonia ...	70	3	6	3	10	—	3	5	18	14	—	3	29	23	18	1	1	
Gastro Enteritis ...	13	2	2	1	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	7	2	3	—	
Food Poisoning ...	7	—	1	—	2	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	—	—	
Dysentery ...	80	4	10	7	21	7	6	17	3	—	—	—	36	31	13	2	—	
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
TOTALS (non-T.B.) ...	496	20	105	99	161	15	10	25	14	27	14	6	190	191	115	13	1	
Tuberculosis (Other) ...	3	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	—	
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) ...	15	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	4	4	—	—	2	6	7	10	4	
GRAND TOTALS ...	514	20	105	100	161	15	18	26	18	31	14	6	194	198	122	26	5	

HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Details of these services are provided for information by courtesy of the County Council.

Watnall Road Centre

The Clinic at Watnall Road is utilised for the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Dental Clinic, Speech Training, Vaccination and Immunisation, Audiometry, Classes for Ineducable Pupils, Eyes Testing, and the Distribution of Welfare Foods.

Ante-Natal Sessions

Friday, 2.0—4.30 p.m.

The Doctor is in attendance at these sessions.

Child Welfare Sessions

Mondays and Thursdays, 2.0—4.30 p.m. Medical Officer in attendance.

Wednesdays, 2.0—4.30. No Medical Officer in attendance.

Health Visitors are in attendance at each Ante-Natal, Post-Natal and Child Welfare Session.

School Clinic Sessions

Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30 a.m.—12 noon. Medical Officer in attendance.

Dental Clinic Sessions (by appointment)

Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m.—12 noon, 2.0—4.30 p.m.
Saturday, 9.30 a.m.—12 noon.

Speech Therapy Sessions

Three sessions per week: Monday afternoon, Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning.

Vaccination and Immunisation

A vaccination and immunisation session is held on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month from 2—4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Distribution of Welfare Foods

Monday to Friday, 2—5 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.—12 noon.

Midwifery Service

The services of the following County Midwives and District Nurse-Midwives are available in the Urban District:

COUNTY MIDWIVES:

Telephone No.:

Miss M. Spellman,
3 Abbey Close,
Off Common Lane,
HUCKNALL.

Hucknall 301

Miss H. M. Beynon and Miss A. Calcraft,
Nurses' Home,
Beardall Street,
HUCKNALL.

Hucknall 3508

DISTRICT NURSE-MIDWIVES:

Nurse M. Sutton and Nurse K. M. Henry,
Nurses' Home,
Beardall Street,
HUCKNALL.

Hucknall 48

Home Nursing Service

Two District Nurses (G. Saxton and R. M. Fleming, Nurses' Flats, Beardall Street, Hucknall) are now employed whole-time in general nursing, and, in addition, the part-time services of Nurse Sutton and Nurse Henry are available for this service.

Maternity Outfits

Sterilised maternity outfits containing all dressings necessary for the conduct of a domiciliary confinement are supplied free of charge on the certification of the midwife engaged or the Health Visitor.

Care of Premature Births

The provision of draught-proof cots with hot-water bottles, blankets, etc., and an ambulance, is made for all premature infants requiring transportation to hospital. The midwife accompanies the infant on the journey to hospital.

Similarly equipped cots are provided for such infants nursed at home.

The services of a Consultant Paediatrician are available when required.

Home Help Service

Home Helps are available where domestic help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally defective, aged or a child not over compulsory school age. The charge for this service is 3/3d. per hour, but where the recipient is unable to afford this standard charge, the County Council's Scale of Assistance is applied.

At the end of the year there was a total of Seventy-five Home Helps employed on the joint district of Hucknall and Eastwood, forty-six of whom are available for service in the Hucknall Urban District.

Cases in need of help should be reported to the District Office of 66 High Street, Hucknall (Telephone Hucknall 93). It is particularly important that expectant mothers wishing to book a Home Help for their confinements should do so at an early date in order that adequate arrangements may be made.

County Ambulance Service

Statistics	1958
Patients carried	10,407
Mileage involved	77,235

Categories of the 10,407 patients were as follows:—

Accident ...	231
Emergency ...	191
Treatment ...	9,593
Infectious ...	164
Maternity ...	206
Others ...	22
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	10,407

REPORT
of the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND
CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT
FOR THE YEAR 1958

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
HUCKNALL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1958, a year during which we welcomed the return of our student, Mr. C. Haskey, on completion of his National Service.

Although the number of new houses available during the year was limited, it was possible to proceed with our Slum Clearance plans in the North Ward. Twenty-four houses in Eastwell Street were scheduled, and by the end of the year arrangements were being made for rehousing the tenants. Three individual unfit houses, Nos. 84, 88 and 90 Watnall Road, were also represented. There is every indication that far greater progress will be made during the next few years, as building on the new Welbeck Estate increases.

Applications for certificates of disrepair numbered seventy-one compared with one hundred and fifty in 1957. All the applications proved genuine. We have, however, been surprised to find that a number of tenants, having been issued with the necessary certificate, are still paying the rent increase, in spite of the fact that no repairs have been carried out.

Another fourteen houses in Bestwood were connected to the main sewer. This further reduced the cesspool menace in the area, only nine properties now remaining on cesspools, out of a total of 61. By the end of the year arrangements were also in hand for the connection to the sewer of thirteen properties at Westville. I must thank the owners concerned for their co-operation and trust that this will be the forerunner of many similar schemes to abolish the cesspools in this part of the town.

It will be noted, in the paragraph headed "Meat Inspection", that no whole carcase was condemned during

the year as a result of any generalised infection. I must congratulate all the butchers concerned, as such a result can only be achieved when a predominance of good quality animals are purchased.

Complaints of ant infestations just topped the century mark, being more than double the number for the previous year. These insects are such prolific breeders that one wonders what troubles we shall encounter in the years to come. Wasps are a nuisance during the mid-summer period, but if the public report any nest they find to my department, immediate and effective treatment will be carried out.

HOUSING

The following particulars are presented in the manner prescribed by the Ministry of Health :—

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	684
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	921
2. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	20
3. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	8

2. Remedy of defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority	2
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of Housing Act, 1957 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	6
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	*5
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—			
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	... ..	121
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—		
(a)	By Owners	... ..	*43
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	... ..	*4
(c) Proceedings under Sections 16, 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—			
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	1
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	Nil
(3)	Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Clearance Orders	... ..	18
(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—			
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	... ..	1
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV.—Abatement of Overcrowding.

(a)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	... ..	22
(c) (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	... ..	8
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	... ..	49
Number of new houses completed during the year :—			
(a)	By the Local Authority	... ..	21
(b)	By private enterprise	... ..	46
Number of applicants for houses at the end of the year			
	... ..	...	720

Number of applicants for bungalows at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	188
Number of families rehoused during the year	...				58
Number of families rehoused during the year in which priority was accorded on account of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	3

5. Rent Act, 1957.

Part I—Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1) Number of applications for certificates	...	71
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates		Nil
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates		
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	...	49
(b) in respect of all defects	... ..	39
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	...	43
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso 5 of the First Schedule	... ..	Nil
(6) Number of certificates issued	... ..	61

Part II—Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	... ..	12
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	... ..	4
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of objections	... ..	1
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	...	12

* These figures include notices served in 1957 and complied with in 1958.

**REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
FACTORIES ACT, 1937**

Premises.	M/c. line No.	Number on Register	Number of		
			Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecu- ted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	3	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	2	65	70	5	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	—	68	73	5	—

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	M/c. line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prose- cutions were instituted
		Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	4	4	4	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—						
(a) insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	10	1	1	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	11	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...		5	5	—	1	—

OUTWORKERS (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	M/c. line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of out- workers in Aug. list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for fail- ure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel making etc. ...	13	63	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Textile Weaving ...	43	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTAL ...		63	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

Food Examined and Found Unfit for Human Consumption:—

276	tins	of	Fruit
116	„	„	Tomatoes
46	„	„	Corned Beef
15	„	„	Steak
20	„	„	Beans
25	„	„	Crab
2	„	„	Shrimps
4	„	„	Crawfish
2	„	„	Herring
21	„	„	Peas
38	„	„	Luncheon Meat
25	„	„	Tongue
37	„	„	Ham
5	„	„	Veal
1	„	„	Irish Stew
1	„	„	Vegetable Salad
24	„	„	Milk
1	„	„	Cream
10	„	„	Pilchards
3	„	„	Soup
2	„	„	Chicken
15	„	„	Salmon
1	„	„	Tuna
1	„	„	Crabmeat
4	„	„	Ravioli
8	„	„	Macaroni
2 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.	„	Sausage Meat
227	„	„	Cheese
30	„	„	Raisins
60	„	„	Sultanas
19	„	„	Beef
60	„	„	Foetus
6	jars	„	Jam
1	„	„	Meat Paste
6	botts.	„	Sauce
2	„	„	Lemon Squash
1	beast's	„	Heart
1	„	„	Kidney
22	„	„	Lungs
27	„	„	Head and Tongues
49 $\frac{1}{2}$	„	„	Livers
9	„	„	Mesenteries
1	„	„	Brisket
1	„	„	Skirt

(B) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

SECTION 16 :

Registration of premises used in connection with the sale or the manufacture of ice-cream or preserved foods:—

Total number of applications for registration	...	4
For the sale or manufacture of ice-cream	...	4
For the manufacture of sausages, or potted meat, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale	... ..	Nil

These applications were investigated and reports submitted to the Health and Housing Committee, and when brought up to the standard required by Section 16 of the Act, placed on the register.

Total number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream	... ..	7
Total number of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	... ..	89
Total number of premises registered for the manufacture of sausages, potted meat, etc.	...	15

SECTION 91:

FOOD SAMPLING

Sampling is under the administration of the Notts. County Council. Mr. T. L. E. Gregory, Chief Inspector, has kindly furnished the following particulars:—

ARTICLE	Number of Samples			Adulterated & Sub-Standard Samples:	
	Obtained	Genuine	Adulterated or Sub-standard	Result of Examination and/or analysis	Remarks
Bread	1	1	—		
Breakfast Cereal	2	2	—		
Butter	2	2	—		
Butter Beans, canned	1	1	—		
Cakes	1	1	—		
Cake & Pudding Mixtures	3	3	—		
Cheese Spread	2	2	—		
Chocolate Drink	1	1	—		
Cooking Fat	1	1	—		
Cream	1	1	—		
Cream Cheese	1	1	—		
Cream Sponge Sandwich	1	1	—		
Christmas Pudding	1	1	—		
Curd, Banana flavour	1	1	—		
Curried Beans with Sultanas	1	1	—		
Dripping	1	1	—		
Faggots	1	1	—		
Flour	1	1	—		

ARTICLE	Number of Samples			Adulterated & Sub-Standard Samples:	
	Obtained	Genuine	Adulterated or Sub-standard	Result of Examination and/or analysis	Remarks
Gin	2	2	—	1 sample contained 56.1% meat but in absence of minimum standard no action against the seller could be taken	Particulars of these and similar samples have been brought to notice of Ministry of Food through the County Councils Assn.
Hamburger Patties with gravy	1	1	—		
Ice Cream	1	1	—		
Jam	1	1	—		
Lemon Squash	1	1	—		
Luncheon Meat	3	2	1		
Margarine	1	1	—		
Marzipan Substitute	1	1	—		
Meat Pies	2	2	—		
Milk	65	65	—		
Milk, Condensed	2	2	—	Slightly deficient in meat.	Manufacturer cautioned.
Milk Shake Cordial	1	1	—		
Mincemeat	1	1	—		
Mussels	1	1	—		
Onion Sauce	1	1	—		
Orange Drink	1	1	—		
Parsley Sauce	1	1	—		
Pepper	1	1	—		
Potato Chips, fried	1	1	—		
Prunes, dried	2	2	—		
Sage and onion stuffing	1	1	—	Consisted of maize starch with sugar surrounded with hard sugar shelled. Contained no almonds.	Manufacturers cautioned. Future supplies to be labelled "Almond flavoured."
Sardines in tomato	1	1	—		
Sausage, Pork	3	2	1		
Soft Herring Roes	1	1	—		
Stout, canned	1	1	—		
Sugar Almonettes	1	—	1		
Sweets	2	2	—		
Table Jelly	2	2	—		
Tomato Ketchup	1	1	—		
Tuna	1	1	—		
Vienna Sausages	1	1	—		
Vinegar, malt	1	1	—		
Whisky	3	3	—		
TOTALS	132	129	3		

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS (PASTEURISED & STERILISED) REGULATIONS

Samples of Milk taken by the County Sampling Officer and submitted to prescribed Tests:—

	No. of samples taken	Result:	
		Complied,	Failed to Comply
Pasteurised, Heat Treated, etc.	102	102	Nil

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK BOTTLES

Examined	...	42
Satisfactory	...	42
Unsatisfactory	...	Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

The table below shows (a) the number of dealers, etc., registered with your Authority, and (b) the results of samples of milk sent for bacterial examination:—

(a) Total number of dairies registered with the Council	2
Number of dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation, "Sterilised" in relation to milk	...
	33

Number of dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation, "Pasteurised" in relation to milk	...
	11

Number of dealers' licences issued authorising the use of the special designation, "Tuberculin Tested" in relation to milk	...
	2

(b)

No. of samples submitted for Bacterial examination.	No. found to be satisfactory.	No. found to be unsatisfactory.
Pasteurised Milk 9	9	—
Sterilised Milk 7	7	—
Tuberculin Tested 2	2	—
T.T. Pasteurised 3'	3	—

ICE CREAM and ICE LOLLIES

The number of samples of ice-cream and ice lollies submitted for bacterial examination, together with the results, are shown below :—

No. of samples submitted for Bacterial examination.	No. found to be satisfactory.	No. found to be unsatisfactory
Ice-cream 24	24	—
Ice-lollies 8	6	2

WATER SUPPLIES, INCLUDING SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

During the year regular sampling of the public supply of water was maintained, 19 samples having been submitted to the Public Analyst.

Visits were made during the year to the Lido and to the Swimming Baths; 10 samples were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

During the year 139 houses or parts of houses were treated with proprietary brands of insecticides for cock-roaches 21, ants 101, wasps 3, woodworm 5, bryobia practiosa 1, bees 1, fleas 1, bugs 3, earwigs 2 and brown spider beetle 1.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

During the year 73 complaints of rats and 25 of mice were received. They were as follows: Private Houses 78, Business Premises 20. In each case baiting with Warfarin proved successful.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Particulars of carcases inspected and condemned are set out below :—

		<hr/>				
		Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
		<hr/>				
Number killed	...	454	82	2	959	2
Number inspected	...	454	82	2	959	2
All diseases except Tuberculosis :						
Whole carcases condemned	...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	48	7	Nil	10	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected with diseases other than Tuberculosis		10.5	8.5	Nil	0.1	Nil
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcases condemned	...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	...	38	20	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	...	8.3	24.3	Nil	Nil	Nil

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS
(EXCLUDING HOUSING ACTS)**

(i)	HOUSING :						
	To repair or renew						
	Eavesgutters	22	6	9	7		
	Downspouts	14	2	7	6		
	Roofs	22	11	4	2		
	Chimney stacks	1	—	1	—		
	Internal walls and ceilings	1	1	—	—		
	Floors	7	2	2	2		
	Fireplaces	7	—	5	5		
	Washcoppers	1	—	—	—		
(ii)	SANITARY CONVENIENCES :						
	To cleanse	—	—	—	—		
	To repair	19	9	9	6		
	To renew pedestals	9	4	4	4		
(iii)	DRAINS :						
	To repair or renew	15	7	5	5		
	To cleanse	202	199	8	6		
(iv)	SINK WASTE PIPES :						
	To repair	6	2	2	2		
(v)	CESSPOOLS :						
	To cleanse	3	3	—	—		
	To repair	—	—	—	—		
(vi)	DUSTBINS :						
	To provide	313	215	85	75		
(vii)	PAVING :						
	To repair or renew	1	1	—	—		
	TOTALS	604	448	129	111		

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER THE HOUSING ACT, 1936

				Informal Notices.		Statutory Notices.	
				Ser-ved	Com-plied with	Ser-ved	Com-plied with
To repair roofs	...	...		2	—	2	—
„ „ chimney stacks	...	...		—	—	—	—
„ „ or re-point walls	...	...		1	—	3	—
„ „ internal walls and ceilings				2	1	2	—
„ „ windows	...	...		—	—	2	—
„ „ doors	...	...		1	—	2	—
„ „ floors	...	...		1	—	1	—
„ „ stairs	...	...		—	—	—	—
„ „ fireplaces	...	...		2	1	1	—
„ „ or renew washcoppers				2	1	1	—
TOTALS			...	11	3	14	Nil

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL COST STATEMENT, 1958/59
(Financial Year ended 31st March, 1959)

Item	Particulars	Collection	Disposal	Totals	Percentage of total gross expenditure
	REVENUE ACCOUNT				
1.	Expenditure —Labour ...	£ 9899	£ 1235	£ 11134	% 67.25
	Transport ...	3637	—	3637	21.95
	Plant, equipment, land and buildings	1600	—	1600	9.65
	Other items ...	48	143	191	1.15
	Total Gross Expenditure ...	15184	1378	16562	100
2.	Gross Income ...	86	113	199	—
3.	NET COST	15098	1265	16363	—
4.	Capital Expenditure met from Revenue ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	UNIT COSTS				
5.	Gross cost per ton labour only ...	s. d. 20 10	s. d. 2 7	s. d. 23 5	
6.	Gross cost per ton, transport only	7 8	—	7 8	
7.	Net cost (all expenditure) per ton	31 9	2 8	34 5	
8.	Net cost per 1,000 population	£ 649.09	£ 54.39	£ 703.48	
9.	Net cost per 1,000 premises	1974.36	165.42	2139.78	

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Collection :

The third Dennis Paxit was delivered in February, enabling us to use three vehicles of this type almost continually throughout the rest of the year. The Ford side loader is now only used when breakdowns occur or during periods when the Paxits are serviced. With the continual development of the town (1,110 private and council houses have been built during the last 10 years) it is essential that the larger capacity vehicles are used as much as possible.

Disposal :

Tipping continued at Wigwam Lane, mainly on the old sewage works site.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Council for the interest they have shown in the work of the department. I would also like to express my gratitude to the staff for their loyal support at all times.

I remain, ladies and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. BROGAN,

Chief Public Health Inspector

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